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Commissioner JoAnne B. Barnhart
Social Security Administration
P.O. Box 17703
Baltimore, MD 21235-7703

Re: Proposed Rules Regarding Assignment of SSN's For Nonwork Purposes

Dear Commissioner Barnhart:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Bill before Congress, the "Driver's License Fraud Prevention Act" and Senator Durbin's introductory remarks regarding the same. Among other things, the bill refers to the internal use by the states of the social security number in the administration of any driver's license or motor vehicle registration law and the verification of the same by the Social Security Administration.

Currently, the Social Security number is a unique identifier that is critical to the application and verification processes in Illinois for a state identification card and driver's license. Accordingly, on behalf of the Illinois Secretary of State's office, I urge the Social Security Administration not to discontinue the issuance of the non-work social security number for a driver's license under the appropriate circumstances.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel for
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